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Ms. Lisa Howard, Director  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System  
Ioannis A. Lougaris VA Medical Center  
975 Kirman Avenue  
Reno, Nevada 89502-2597

RE: **Corrected March 18, 2016 SHPO Letter:**

Section 106 Consultation for the Relocate Intensive Care Unit Project, Bed Tower/Building 12,  
Sierra Nevada Health Care System (VASNHCS), Reno, Washoe County, Nevada (UT 2016-4247)

Dear Ms. Howard:

The Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has reviewed the submitted documents in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended.

This undertaking is the relocation of the VA Intensive Care Unit (ICU) from Building 1D to Bed Tower/ Building 12 at the southeast side of the VASNHCS campus along Kirman Avenue. Building 12 was completed in 1999. This new ICU will be located on the third floor of Building 12 and will provide single patient rooms with exterior windows.

This expansion and relocation will include modifications to the southern and eastern façades of Building 12. On both the second and third floors, the exterior walls will be extended as pictured on Figure 8 of the submission, Addendum 1, March 16, 2016. This infill will not exceed the footprint of the first floor and will provide needed additional interior space within the unit.

Per the VASNHCS submission, Addendum 2, March 18, 2016, the massing and fenestration of the building will change slightly. Although the building will become larger the new fenestration and the patterns of this fenestration balance the additional mass. Instead of solid concrete/stucco walls with small windows, the new addition will be punctuated with larger, varied and lighter looking windows. On the eastern façade of the main building there will also be a two storey addition. The second floor portion of this addition will extend to the east a short distance and will act as a solid base to the third floor addition's sidewalls which are completely glass, capped by a concrete/stucco roof. The colors, finishes and glass tint will be consistent with the existing products of the current building.

No ground disturbing activity is anticipated for this undertaking.

The SHPO finds the APE as described on page eight of Addendum 1 (March 16, 2016) adequate for this undertaking.

This APE includes the non-historic Bed Tower/Building 12 (1999) and the Mental Health Clinic (2012).

The following historic-aged properties are found within the APE. Any of the historic-aged properties not previously evaluated for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will be left unevaluated and treated as eligible for this undertaking.

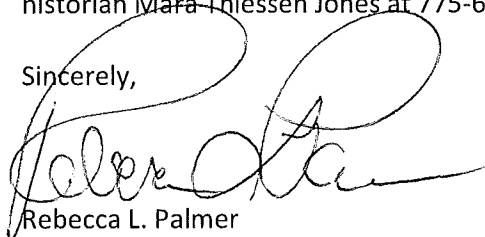
Property Address	Date of Construction	Eligibility
735 Belli Drive	c. 1952	eligible (contributing Criterion C)
765 Belli Drive	c. 1952	eligible (contributing Criterion C)
703 Balzar Circle	c. 1952	Not -eligible
Buildings 15, F, K, 138, Parking Garage	past 20-35 years (noted by the VA as possibly historic)	Unevaluated and treated as eligible for this undertaking
610 Burns Street	1940	Unevaluated and treated as eligible for this undertaking
612 Burns Street	1952	Unevaluated and treated as eligible for this undertaking
622 Burns Street	1939	Unevaluated and treated as eligible for this undertaking
626 Burns Street	1943	Unevaluated and treated as eligible for this undertaking
630 Burns Street	1940	Unevaluated and treated as eligible for this undertaking
634 Burns Street	1941	Unevaluated and treated as eligible for this undertaking
640 Burns Street	1940	Unevaluated and treated as eligible for this undertaking
650 Burns Street	1940	Unevaluated and treated as eligible for this undertaking
660 Burns Street	1945	Unevaluated and treated as eligible for this undertaking
1060 Kirman Avenue	1954	Unevaluated and treated as eligible for this undertaking
704 Balzar Circle	1942	Unevaluated and treated as eligible for this undertaking
710 Balzar Circle	1942	Unevaluated and treated as eligible for this undertaking
712 Balzar Circle	1942	Unevaluated and treated as eligible for this undertaking
714 Balzar Circle	1952	Unevaluated and treated as eligible for this undertaking
716 Balzar Circle	1942	Unevaluated and treated as eligible for this undertaking
718 Balzar Circle	1942	Unevaluated and treated as eligible for this undertaking

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The SHPO concurs with the Department of Veterans Affairs finding of No Adverse Effect for the Relocate Intensive Care Unit project.

Should you have any questions regarding this correspondence please contact staff architectural historian Mara Thiessen Jones at 775-684-3439 or [mara.jones@shpo.nv.gov](mailto:mara.jones@shpo.nv.gov) .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca L. Palmer', written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Rebecca L. Palmer  
State Historic Preservation Officer

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Cc. Arlee Fisher, Facility Planner VASNHCS